



20th March 2020

COVID-19 Coronavirus update

Good afternoon Parents and Caregivers,

With so much information and misinformation swirling around about COVID-19, I wanted to share with you what will happen if we were to have a case in our school community. We have been planning for this and are able to respond quickly.

- As soon as a case is confirmed in our immediate school community (e.g. a student, staff member, or member of their household), the Medical Officer of Health and Ministry of Education will inform me about this, and we will work together to get quick and clear messaging out to you. This will be via the school app, newsletter, email and it will be on our website.
- If there was a case confirmed of someone in our school, we will likely be asked to close temporarily by the Medical Officer of Health. This will allow time for close contacts to be traced, appropriate testing to be undertaken, and a careful clean of the school to be undertaken.
- If our school does need to close temporarily, we have a plan in place to support student's learning, see our Continued Education newsletter.

We know COVID-19 feels scary and of course people are concerned for the wellbeing of our children. Please be assured that with no case confirmed in our school, your children are safe here.

Good hygiene is a priority at our school, and we are reinforcing this regularly with all students and staff. We know that practicing good hygiene is still the best thing we can all do to prevent illness.

We are getting the most up to date advice and guidance so that we can confidently make informed decisions about the safety and wellbeing of our school community.

Kind regards

Moira Blair

Principal



What will Continued Education look like at Three Kings School?

We are currently developing ways that we can provide support for ongoing learning for our students in the event of a school closure. Teams are working together to explore both digital and non-digital options. More will come out about this early next week. In the meantime, our focus remains on providing our students attending school.

On Monday we spoke with students about devices at home and internet access to gather a picture for the Ministry of Education. As we further develop the learning for our students in the case of school closures, we ask that you fill out the form below (one per child at the school) and return on Monday 23rd March. This will support us in our planning.

Please complete and return to the classroom teacher by Monday 23rd March.

Childs name _____ Room Number _____

1. Please indicate below

- ☐ My child has access to their own device
- ☐ My child has access to a shared device (please indicate who it is shared with, e.g. parent, 2 siblings)

- ☐ My child has no access to a device

2. The type of device your child has access to, e.g. iPad, chrome book, laptop, smartphone

3. Internet connection

- ☐ We have an unlimited internet connection
- ☐ We have capped data plan that is available for all devices in the home
- ☐ We have internet data on a smartphone in the household
- ☐ We have no internet access